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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL VISITORS; DATA ON PROTOCOL OFFICIAL

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1. VISAS ISSUED TO THE FOUR ROMANIANS CITED REF ON MORNING FEB 3. THIS SHOULD ALLOW DEPARTURE VIA PANAM FEB 6 OR 9. IF ROMANIANS RUN TRUE TO FORM, GROUP WILL DEPART VIA TAROM ON FEB 10. WITH LARGE NUMBER OF VISAS ISSUED TO ROMANIANS FOR WORK AT UOP, MOSTLY ON VERY SHORT NOTICE, WE ARE SURPRISED THAT UOP IN DES PLAINES IS NOW COMPLAINING. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO SUCH COMPLAINT FROM UOP LOCAL REP. PERHAPS UOP MAIN OFFICE IS NOT AWARE THAT ALL BUSVIS APPLICATIONS MUST GO THROUGH ROMANIAN MFA, WHICH IS OFTEN PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DELAY.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT BACKGROUND: FOR SEVERAL MONTHS EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTING ROMANIANS TO SUBMIT VISA DATA TO EMBASSY WHEN IT IS KNOWN A VISIT TO THE U.S. WILL TAKE PLACE. ROMANIAN BUREAUCRACY ON VISA APPLICATIONS CAN TAKE AS LONG AS FOUR DAYS OR MORE BEFORE BEING RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. IN CASE OF UOP THE ACTUAL DELAY WAS NINE DAYS. IN MANY CASES, HOWEVER, ROMANIANS ARE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES AHEAD OF TIME BECAUSE THEY ARE NEVER CERTAIN THEY WILL RECEIVE THEIR PASSPORT, WHICH IS OFTEN ISSUED JUST A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO ACTUAL DEPARTURE. EMBASSY VISA OFFICER IN PAST FEW WEEKS HAS EXPERIENCED INCREASING DIFFICULTIES WITH PRESSURE FROM ROMANIANS ON ONE SIDE TO ISSUE A VISA "URGENTLY" AND REQUIREMENT ON THE U.S. SIDE FOR MORE LEAD TIME FOR BUSVIS VISA REQUESTS.

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3. NEW SUBJECT: MIRCEA ANDREI IS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN MINISTRY

OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IS PERSON WHO GREETED PRESIDENT AND MRS
FORD AT SPRING PALACE IN AUG 75.
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